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Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing with the above-referenced pending U.S. Patent Application, in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements:

1. Notification of Missing Requirements.
2. Declaration of Translation Accuracy
3. A new set of drawings, including pages 21/23, 22/23, and 23/23 are now translated so that the Japanese language text has been translated and "FIG." is in English.
4. Check to cover the surcharge of \$130.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

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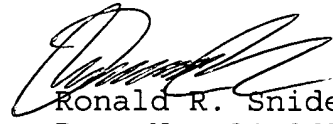
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No. 19-2816. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Having now complied with all requirements of 37 CFR §1.53, Applicants respectfully request that this application be examined.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/27/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 06/27/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/27/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/27/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/27/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/27/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/27/2005
- Assignment filed on 06/27/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/27/2005
- Specification filed on 06/27/2005
- Claims filed on 06/27/2005
- Abstracts filed on 06/27/2005
- Drawings filed on 06/27/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
 - The text in the drawings has not been properly translated.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Small Entity:

- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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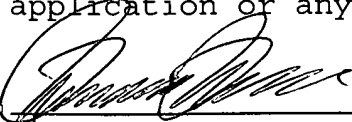
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DECLARATION: TRANSLATION ACCURACY

I am the Attorney of Record of the above-captioned application. Although I am not fluent in Japanese, my language skills are sufficient to attest to the accuracy of the attached translation. Further, I have been advised by native speakers of the Japanese language that the following statement is correct. The originally filed drawing pages 21/23, 22/23 and 23/23 contain Japanese language text. Specifically, there is a Japanese language character, an Arabic number and a second Japanese language character. The Japanese character to the left of the number is a symbol used in numbering to designate the order of things. There is no equivalent in the English language. The Japanese character to the right of the number means "figure". Therefore, the translation is "Figure X".

I hereby declare upon penalty of perjury that the attached translation is accurate and believed to be true. This statement is made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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